

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 21 to 32, with the following paragraph:

A specific embodiment of the subject invention is the novel strain of *E. coli* XL10-GOLD. On April 28, 1997, strain XL10-GOLD was deposited at the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), Rockville, MD, USA, now located at Manassas, VA, USA, under the terms of the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure and Regulations thereunder (Budapest Treaty), and is thus maintained and made available according to the terms of the Budapest Treaty. Availability of such strain is not to be construed as a license to practice the invention in contravention of the rights granted under the authority of any government in accordance with its patent laws.

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